A Large and Particular RELATION OF THE Affairs of Ireland.

In a LETTER to a Person of Honour, from a Gentleman at Chester, *who came from* Dublin, June 26, *and arrived here* July 1, 1689.

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Chester, July 1. 1689.

SIR,

THIS is to acquaint you that I am safely arrived here, having run thro' many hazards and dangers, but being resolved to attempt the getting away from *Dublin*, notwithstanding all Difficulties; in order to inform the Government here of the present posture of Affairs in *Ireland*, on *Tuesday* last, at ten of the Clock at Night, my self and four more persons came to the Point of *Dawky*, an Island toward *Bray*, having order'd a small Wherry and two Boat-men to stay our coming under a great Rock; there being a whole Regiment placed along the shore between *Dublin* and *Bray*; to avoid being seen, we went down the great Rock to the Boat; but not so privately but the next Watch made towards us, about thirty in number, we made haste and got into the Boat, they following, called to us, and swore they would fire, if we did not come back; notwithstanding which, we put to Sea, knowing it was no less than hanging matter if we return'd; the Souldiers we believe wanted Match, so that there was no shots made: We landed in *Wales* near *Mossom*; on *Thursday* last, having but two Boat-men and three Oars, one being lost getting off from the Rock; My Brother *M*—— was Pilate, but neither he nor any of us had ever been on the *English* shore before.

I here send you the following Relation (in short) how it is with our Friends in poor *Ireland*. There has of late been a constant Correspondence between several Persons of note in *Lancashire*, with the late King, in order to raise an Army in *England*, who made several Voyages in the Custom-house Boat; which I understand has been taken lately at *Denby*, but *B*——, &c. was not then in her: They are now fitting out some other Boats for the same purpose, and a Yatch; likewise a Privateer of 14 Guns and 60 Men; one *Bennett* is Captain of her; I was on board her, and saw how she is provided, and went to drink with *Bennett*, who swore he would take and burn all the Vessels on the *Welsh* Coast in 14 days; he sets to Sea this Week. There was a design to have had two Camps, one on each side of *Dublin*, in sight of the Harbour (about a Month since,) but at that time *Enniskilling* sending forth 400 Horse, they went up as far as the Counties of *Leitrim* and *Longford*, thro' *Westmeath* and part of *Meath* and *Cavan*, and brought back from the *Irish* above 6000 head of Cattel; Disarming several Companies in their way; which made the late King resolve to bend all his Force against that place to reduce it; and accordingly Gen. *Rose* march'd to *Trim*, where he rendevouz'd 8000 Horse and Foot: But

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at that time an Expreſs being brought to the late King, and *French* Embaſſadour, (who lives in Sir *John Davys* Houſe,) That Collnel *Kirk* had Sail'd to the Relief of *Derry*; and that *Derry* had made a vigorous Sally, and killed many of their Men, General *Roſe* and his Army were forthwith order'd againſt *Derry*, with the whole Flower of the Army, and to leave *Enniskilling* until *Derry* were taken, which they were daily in expectation of; for the late K. ſaid on *Munday* laſt, The Garriſon did at that time live on Horſe-fleſh, and were in a ſtarving Condition; but ſtill continue to make brave Sallies; and as the *Iriſh* own, have killed near 3000 in two late Sallies. There is but two Regiments in *Dublin*, and very few Forces in *Munſter*, and *Leinſter*; all are in the *North*, about *Belfaſt*, *Carrickfergus*, *Lisburn*, *Antrim*, and *Colrain*, the latter whereof they are fortifying, and erecting in it great Stores of Proviſions, &c. to ſupply the Army. *Enniskilling* has taken ſeveral parcels of their Proviſions and Ammunition, going to *Derry*, and have defeated many Parties of the *Iriſh*. Coll. *Kirk* had not gotten into *Derry* when I came away; but they expected daily to hear he had attempted it.----It is believ'd that no leſs then 10000 have been kill'd before *Derry*. And *Will. Dopping*, Brother to *James Dopping* the Attorney, has exceedingly contributed to the preſervation of that Place, in his careful and wary diſtribution of the Proviſions, &c. being Clerk of the Stores: He is extreamly rated at by the *Iriſh*, and admired by the Garriſon: The late K. ſent his Wife and Children to him, with a Pardon, and great Promiſes; but he rejected all, and ſent her back again.

The King refuſes to let Mr. *Price* come away, until *Nugent* be firſt ſent over, and 10000*l.* which he ſaith Mr. *Price* owes him. Money is very ſcarce there, for the *French* Ambaſſador will not part with any Money, until the *Iriſh* Army be landed in *Scotland*, or *England*, thinking to get many Friends by their punctual Payment there. At preſent they have coined Copper Money, which paſſes for 6*d.* tho' not worth half a Farthing, and doth oblige the People to take them, but will take none of it in his Revenue; which is one way to get all the Money in the Country into their own hands. They deſign likewiſe to make half Crowns and Crown pieces of the ſame ſort. The Parliament go on, and the Royal Aſſent is given to the following Acts, *viz.*

1. *Twenty Thouſand Pound* per *Month*, *for* 13 *Months*, *to the King*.
2. *Repealing the* Act of Settlement, *and Reſtoring old Proprietors*.
3. *Liberty of Conſcience*.
4. *Taking off Penal Laws and Oaths*.
5. *Taking off all Writs of Error*, *and Appeals to* England.
6. *Taking off Valuation Money*, *and other Rights from the Clergy*.
7. *Repealing the Act of the* 23 Octob.
8. *No benefit of Clergy for Two Years*.
9. *All Patents for Offices void*.
10. Ireland *to be independant of* England.

They have ſeized on all Proteſtants Goods, and Eſtates, that are come away; and are daily doing the like to them that ſtay, under colour of Plots, or ſome Deſign or other. I hope in God they will haſten Forces to relieve thoſe People which have ſuffer'd ſo much.

Tyrconnel ſtill keeps at *Chappel-Lizard*, being out of favour. The Proteſtant Lords have entred their Proteſt againſt the Parliament Proceedings; and among the reſt the young Lord of *Hoath* is very brisk.

I have ſince my Arrival met with ſome of our *Iriſh* Gentlemen, that are ſaid in *Ireland*, to be managers againſt their K. and Country, having the Honour to be much talked of there, and yet are wanting Employment here, which is ill luck on both hands. They have ſeized on all, &c.

I am, *SIR*,
Your humble Servant,
J. M.

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